

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

Public Works**Item No. 15****RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of a Real Estate Sales Contract for the fee simple acquisition of 13.8079 acres of land, more or less, out of the James P. Wallace League, being a portion of Block 13 of the H. A. & J. G. Fitzhugh subdivision of the Rutherford Farm according to a plat thereof recorded in Book 1, Page 108 of the Plat Records of, Travis County, Texas, and locally known as 906 East St. John Ave., from HD Development Properties, L.P. by Warranty Deed for the Municipal Court and Police Northeast Substation, in an amount not to exceed \$8,100,000 for the land and improvements.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Municipal Court and Police Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: Resolution No. 20071011-082.

On November 7, 2006, Austin voters approved \$567.4 million of General Obligation Bond-funded capital improvement projects and programs. Included in these projects were:

- \$16 million for a new Municipal Court Facility with approximately 60,000 square feet. A new facility would provide space for additional courtrooms and administrative staff, as well as parking for court users.
- \$7 million for a new northeast substation for the Police Department. A new substation would provide dedicated operational and administrative space for the Northeast Area Command located within its geographic service area.

The property to be acquired is approximately 601,472.1 square feet (13.8079 acres) with improvements that include a building containing approximately 105,580 square feet. It can be renovated to accommodate both projects. For the Police Department, it is located in the Northeast Area and has excellent access to major roads in the area. For the Municipal Court, it provides ample space, parking and transit access.